

## Major Landscaping



Major landscaping activities that continue for more than 30 days shall not be conducted without a landscaping permit. Major landscaping involves activities that re-contour the land by changing the elevation more than 2 feet, the removal of earth materials and/or the use of mechanical equipment. A landscape plan must accompany the application for a landscaping permit.

## Wetlands and Wetland Buffers



The City of Nashua has wetland, as well as wetland buffer, protection ordinances. These were enacted to protect water quality and wildlife habitat. A landowner owning land abutting a stream, river, or wetland has certain responsibilities under these ordinances. These include, but are not limited to, prohibitions on digging, filling, mowing, cutting trees, building structures, disposing of yard wastes and/or use of fertilizers in or near wetlands. Questions or concerns should be directed to either the Nashua Zoning Department or the Nashua Conservation Commission.



## Want additional information?

### Local Land Use Regulations

Nashua Planning and Zoning Department  
(603) 589-3090

### Building Codes

Nashua Building Department  
(603) 589-3080

### Wetlands and Wetland Buffers

Nashua Conservation Commission  
(603) 589-3105

### To Report Land Use Violations

Nashua Code Enforcement  
(603) 589-3100

### Above offices located in:

Community Development Division  
City Hall, 229 Main Street  
PO Box 2019  
Nashua, New Hampshire 03061-2019  
[www.ci.nashua.nh.us](http://www.ci.nashua.nh.us) or  
[www.gonashua.com](http://www.gonashua.com)

### Wetlands and NH Regulations

Department of Environmental Services  
Water Division, Wetlands Bureau  
6 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95  
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095  
(603) 271-2147  
[www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us)

# Residential Land Use and Building Restrictions<sup>1</sup> in Nashua NH



Nashua enforces many land use (zoning) and building ordinances that pertain specifically to residential areas.

The purpose of these restrictions is to not only protect public health, safety and the environment, but also to protect property values. The most common restrictions on use of residential properties are described in this brochure.

<sup>1</sup> This brochure is a general guide and is not all-inclusive. For more information please refer to the Nashua Revised Ordinances or contact the Nashua Zoning Department

## Signs



Signs are generally not allowed anywhere in the City without a permit. However, certain types of signs are allowed and do not require a permit. These signs must not be placed in the public way, on public property, or in such a location as to cause a safety hazard. (Please consult the City Zoning Ordinances regarding size restrictions.)

- **Real Estate Signs** On-site real estate signs are allowed but must be removed within 30 days after the sale, rental or lease of the property that is being advertised. Off-site real estate signs must be removed within 15 days.
- **Contractor Signs** Temporary contractor signs may be posted *during active on-site work* such as construction, landscaping, etc.
- **Charitable and Public Service Signs** may be placed a maximum of 30 days preceding the event and must be removed within 7 days after the event. These signs must also be registered with the City's Zoning Administrator.
- **Political Signs** may be placed 45 days preceding the election and must be removed within 10 days after the event.

## Parking in the Front Yard



Vehicles must not be parked in the front yard. They must be parked in an on-site parking lot or in a driveway that is no wider than 24 feet.

## Minor Home Occupations



Minor home occupations are allowed. However, a permit is required from the Zoning Department. Several conditions must be met before a permit will be issued. These conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Nonresidents may not be employed on the premises;
- The business shall be carried on entirely within the principal building;
- There shall be no exterior storage or display related to the home occupation;
- There shall be no advertising other than a single unlit sign which shall not exceed 2 square feet and may only display the occupant's name and address; and
- Not more than one commercial vehicle may be stored on the premises.

## Unregistered and



## Commercial Vehicles

Only 1 unregistered and/or uninspected vehicle may be located on a lot. Any other unregistered vehicles must be stored in a garage or other accessory building and may not exceed 4 in number. Only 1 commercial vehicle per dwelling unit is allowed and the total length of that vehicle must not exceed 25 feet.

## Auto Sales



Residents are free to sell their own personal cars that are registered to them from their residence. However, they may not sell cars that belong to others from their property.

## Boat and



## Trailer Storage

Boats and trailers must be stored within a building or, if outside, not less than 25 feet from any front lot line or within 6 feet of the side and rear lot lines. They must also not be used for dwelling or sleeping purposes.

## Construction



New construction, replacement of existing structures, renovations as well as installation of pools, decks and sheds require a building permit *before* the work begins. New fences, 6 feet or less in height, do not require a permit. If the new fence is to be located in a wetland or wetland buffer, it may need special review. Fences must not be installed in a manner that creates a safety hazard.

## Junk and Trash



Junk and trash are not allowed to accumulate in yards. Trash must be stored in barrels with lids behind the front building line and shall not be placed at the curb more than 24 hours in advance of the collection date.